

Cleveland, Monday, January 9th, 2023

Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers,

REGARDING: 142ND WALES COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Residents, Employees, Family Members, and Volunteers,

Yesterday, another Norton 3 resident tested positive for COVID-19. This positive case was quickly joined by *four* more positive cases on the unit today. Including Friday's positive case, therefore, Norton 3 currently has six positive residents. As usual, these six residents are self-isolating to their rooms for ten days starting the day of their positive test; if symptoms decrease, self-isolations are lifted on the eleventh day. These residents' eleven tablemates were also tested; luckily, they tested negative, however they are still on preventive isolation for the next five days. Two Norton 3 residents are negative and yet are symptomatic, so they are on preventive isolation as well. The remaining thirteen Norton 3 residents were also tested as a precaution and are negative, so they may continue to circulate throughout the unit as usual. One of these positive residents attended an activity on Friday, so their three activity tablemates from Manning Basement and Shaw 1 were also tested; they are negative but preventatively isolated. Norton 3 is considered in an outbreak.

A Norton 1 resident also tested positive today. They were immediately self-isolated to their room for the next ten days. Their three tablemates were tested and are negative, however they were still placed on preventive isolation for the next five days. A fifth Norton 1 resident was also tested due to a positive contact; they tested negative.

Any resident with cold or flu symptoms will be immediately isolated and tested for COVID-19. Any resident with a fever who tests negative for COVID-19 will be tested for influenza. Residents who can apply and remove a mask autonomously are asked to wear one when in close contact with others and to increase hand hygiene. Employees will closely monitor residents to ensure no deconditioning occurs. Since our last update, one employee tested positive for the virus.

Wales visit regulations include:

- Wearing a mask to enter the building
- Changing your mask to a clean procedural one provided by the Wales at the entrances
- Keeping the procedural mask over your nose and mouth for your *entire* visit
 - As you cannot remove your mask while at the Wales, eating and drinking are *not* permitted – masks cannot be lowered for *any* reason
- Frequent hand hygiene is important, either with soap and water in the residents' room, suite, or apartment or hand sanitizer, located throughout the common areas

We will keep you updated as this situation progresses. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the coordinates below or visit our website at <https://waleshome.ca/all-the-news>. Thank you for helping keep our residents and employees safe!

Sincerely,



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